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Remarks

In advance of the first Office Action, Applicants now amend claims 2, 8 and 12.

The amendment to claim 2 is made to provide a proper antecedent for the term "second gear unit". The amendments to claims 8 and 12 are made to improve the form of the claims by avoiding the use of a compound adjective for the term "friction element sub-assembly".

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